

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Jan. 24 - 28, 2011
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Hooray! Broke the 100 respondents mark. Thanks to 108 readers who have completed the DCQW Survey so far. Keep it going. There have to be more than 108 people who read DCQW. If you haven't completed it, please take a moment to do so. You will provide us with valuable feedback. Before the end of this school year I will publish the results of the survey. See link at bottom of this week's question.

Which person below is a deaf playwright who wrote the play “Whispers of a Savage Sort?”

- a) Bernard Bragg
- b) Raymond Luczak
- c) John Maucere
- d) Louie Fant

Scroll down for the answer.

Answer: “b” – Raymond Luczak – Explore this fascinating deaf individual and his accomplishments below.

RAYMOND LUCZAK (pronounced as written but with a silent "c") is perhaps best known for his books, films, and plays.

He was raised in Ironwood, a small mining town in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Number seven in a family of nine children, he lost much of his hearing due to double pneumonia at the age of seven months.

After high school graduation, Luczak went on to Gallaudet University, in Washington, DC, where he earned a B.A. in English, graduating *magna cum laude*. He learned American Sign Language (ASL) and became involved with the deaf community, and won numerous scholarships in recognition of his writing, including the Ritz-Paris Hemingway Scholarship. He took various writing courses at other schools in the area, which culminated in winning a place in the Jenny McKean Moore Fiction Workshop at the George Washington University. [Quoted from his Bio at: <http://www.raymondluczak.com/bio.html> Read the complete bio of this famous deaf playwright].

Watch Raymond talk about his work and how he became a playwright with two YouTube clips here: <http://www.raymondluczak.com/whispers/whispersclips.html>

The below links to Raymond's main website:

<http://www.raymondluczak.com/>

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DCQW has been published weekly during the school year since January 2008. We want to collect information about who reads DCQW, how you use it, which kinds of questions you like best, etc. We created a short survey to collect information. It is completely anonymous. Please take a few moments to complete our survey. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L7RQNVX>

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